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FOR RICHARD J SMITH DELEGATE TO COMMISSION ON TNCS

FOLLOWING REPEAT BRUSSELS 4145 ACTION SECSTATE
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QUOTE

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TAGS: EINV, ELAB, OECD, BE
SUBJECT: BADGER BELGIUM CASE

REF: BRUSSELS 4038

1. GUSTAV WUNDER, VICE PRESIDENT BADGER MASSACHUSETTS,
CALLED EMBASSY LAST NIGHT FROM BADGER'S LONDON OFFICE,
TO REPORT THAT SETTLEMENT OF BADGER BELGIUM'S TERMINATION
PAY CLAIMS HAD BEEN REACHED ALONG LINES REFTEL IN MEETINGS
WITH TRADE UNIONS WITH MINISTER EYSKENS IN MEDIATING ROLE.
WUNDER SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH SETTLEMENT. HE CONFIRMED
THAT EYSKENS HAD BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND IMPARTIAL IN
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ARRANGING AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERESTED PARTIES AND THAT A
JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE HAD BEEN AGREED ON AND FOLLOWED.

2. ACCORDING TO WUNDER, NEXT STEP IS UNIONS' MEETING
MIDDLE OF THIS WEEK WITH EMPLOYEES TO RATIFY PROPOSED
CLAIMS SETTLEMENT AND OBTAIN SIGNED INDIVIDUAL WAIVERS
WITHDRAWING EMPLOYEE CLAIMS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE

AGREEMENT. ON POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING "CONCORDAT"
IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OF EMPLOYEE
CLAIMS, WUNDER SAID BANKRUPTCH RECEIVER, WHO PARTICIPATED
IN EYSKENS' MEETING, NOTED "COMPLICATIONS" UNDER BELGIAN
LAW IN GRANTING CONCORDAT IN BADGER SITUATION, EVEN IF
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT RATIFIED. RECIEVER SUGGESTED
VARIOUS WAYS OF ASSISTING BADGER BELGIUM ON "CONCORDAT,"
INCLUDING "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT," WHICH WUNDER SAID
MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO COMPANY.

3. WUNDER WILL BE IN THE HAGUE TODAY AND IN PARIS
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK. HE SAID HE WOULD
TRY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
FROM EUROPE. IF ALL GOES WELL, HE HOPES TO RETURN TO
THE UNITED STATES FRIDAY, APRIL 29. RENNER
UNQUOTE VANCE.

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